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84 Snow Road Rear - Crown Castle Towers 06-2, LLC - Wireless Communications Facility

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EXHIBIT 20

I have reviewed the published narrative for the proposed cell tower on 84 Snow Road Rear. My property is at 20 Greany Drive, across the street from the proposed cell tower location. I oppose this project for the reasons outlined below.

5.8.6.1 and 5.8.6.2 require 300' setbacks from property lines and structures. The narrative states that setbacks from property lines would be at 101.5', 103' and 124.7'. The applicant requests a waiver from compliance " ... as the unusual shape of the lot prevents placement of the Monopole in an area which complies with this provision ... ". The setback issue has nothing to do with the shape of the lot; it has everything to do with the inadequate small size of the 3-acre lot. If the lot was a perfect square, proper setback would require 8.26 acres. If the lot was a perfect circle, it would require 6.49 acres. The applicant's request here is invalid.

Set-back laws exist for many reasons, not limited to sight lines and aesthetics, light and noise pollution, and various known and unknown health risks. Disregard for these setbacks will cause this neighborhood to potentially suffer the effects of all of these issues, in addition to the economic loss from reduced property values.

Abutting 84 Snow Road Rear is a 15-acre parcel of land owned by the Town of Grafton. That would seem to be much better suited for this tower.

Regarding the "balloon test" on June 22 - the balloon, connected to what appeared to be kite line, was sent up at about 9am. It was briefly very visible above the tree line, until the wind sent the balloon sideways in an easterly direction. At the time the test was started, the only person on site was the individual in the woods performing the test. Pictures were taken of this balloon test, even though because of the wind, the balloon was nowhere near representative of the height of the proposed tower. I assumed a second test would be done the following weekend, since this one was an obvious failure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Mark O'Connor